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Arbor Day Foundation Honors Harford County with Tree City USA Recognition and Growth Award

(Bel Air, MD) - - Harford County has been recognized by the nonprofit Arbor Day Foundation as a Tree City USA community for its commitment to urban forestry. This marks the 9th year Harford County has earned this national recognition.

Harford County also received a Tree City USA Growth Award for demonstrating progress in its community forestry program. The prestigious Growth Award honors environmental improvement and higher levels of tree care in Tree City USA communities.

The Tree City USA program is sponsored by the Arbor Day Foundation in cooperation with the National Association of State Foresters and the USDA Forest Service.

In order to become a Tree City USA community, Harford County met four standards. Those requirements were a tree board or department, a tree care ordinance, a comprehensive community forestry program and an Arbor Day observance and proclamation.

Commenting on the Tree City USA recognition and Growth Award, County Executive David R. Craig stated, "Trees are a vital component of the infrastructure of our communities and provide environmental and economic benefits. We are grateful to be recognized by the Arbor Day Foundation for our work in promoting the value of trees to the citizens of Harford County. Additionally we are proud of the work the Harford County Department of Planning and Zoning does to promote Arbor Day and the hundreds of volunteers who help make this annual event a success," Craig remarked.

The Arbor Day Foundation is a nonprofit, environmental and education organization of more than one million members, with a mission to inspire people to plant, nurture and celebrate trees. Additional information on the Arbor Day Foundation and its programs can be found at www.arborday.org.

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